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SUBJECT: GREEK SUPPORT FOR GREEK-CYPRIOT PLAN FOR CYPRUS
CONSTITUTION

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1. GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED FEBRUARY 11 ON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN TO DISCUSS THE COMPRE-
HENSIVE GREEK-CYPRIOT PROPOSAL FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON A
CYPRUS CONSTITUTION. THE VERSION PRESENTED TO US BY
ALEXANDRAKIS ACCORDS WITH THAT IN REFTEL. ALEXANDRAKIS
ASKED US TO SUGGEST TO ANKARA THAT THE CLERIDES PROPOSAL
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BE GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY AND NOT REJECTED OUT OF HAND.

2. LAINGEN REVIEWED OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS, NOTED THAT THE TURKS WERE ALSO PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT BOTH PLANS WOULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL FORUM.

3. ALEXANDRAKIS SAID THAT THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS HAVE MADE MAJOR CONCESSIONS AND WERE NOW PREPARED TO GRANT WHAT THE TURKISH-CYPRIOTS COULD NEVER HAVE GAINED UNTIL THE JULY INVASION. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED THE CLERIDES PROPOSAL AS THE ONLY GUARANTEE AGAINST PARTITION, A DEVELOPMENT TOWARD WHICH ALL RECENT TURKISH ACTIONS POINT.

4. LAINGEN REPLIED THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE TURKS TO MAINTAIN AN OPEN MIND TOWARD RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, AND ASKED THAT GREECE MAINTAIN AN EQUALLY OPEN POSTURE.

5. DURING THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION, THE CONGRESSIONAL AID CUTOFF ISSUE AROSE WHEN LAINGEN EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE TURKS WOULD BE LESS RECEPTIVE TO COMPROMISE NOW THAT THEIR MILITARY ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN HALTED. ALEXANDRAKIS REPLIED THAT THE POLICY OF EXTENDING DEADLINES HADN'T WORKED AND THOUGHT IT NOT UNREASONABLE TO TRY A POLICY OF PRESSURE. THE MILITARY GOVERN TURKEY, ALEXANDRAKIS EXPLAINED, AND SHOULD KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO DO SO WITHOUT MILITARY AID. ALEXANDRAKIS QUICKLY CAME OFF THIS TACK, SUGGESTING THAT GREECE AND THE US ARE UNITED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF SOLVING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM VIA NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT BY MILITARY MEANS.

6. THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING HIS PLEASURE THAT THE TALKS ON US-GREEK MILITARY FACILITIES SEEMED OFF TO A GOOD START IN ATHENS. INGERSOLL

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